

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TOP SEALING PLATE, BATTERY USING THE TOP SEALING PLATE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE BATTERY, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:



was filed on February 27, 2001 as

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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